

SCHOOLS

The study area is presently served by the following schools: Glenmar Elementary School, Middle River Middle School, and Kenwood High School. Some sections of the study area fall within the Chase Elementary School district and some in the Perry Hall School district. None of the schools serving the study area are presently overcapacity.

The imminent construction of several new subdivisions and the build-out potential of undeveloped sites zoned residentially could increase the number of new students significantly. In cases where schools are overcapacity, the Board of Education tends to realign the boundaries of school districts so that demand, i.e. number of students, corresponds to capacity. In areas where population growth has been such that student placement cannot be addressed via redistricting, modular facilities are added to existing schools. Construction of a new school is the choice of last resort.

There are presently no plans to build a new school within the study area; however, should the area grow to the extent that a new school is necessary, the Board of Education owns an unimproved parcel, the Vincent Elementary School site, which could be used for that purpose.

During the initial advisory group meetings, mention was made that the abandoned building which existed on the Vincent Farm Elementary School site was a blight on the community's appearance. According to the Board of Education, as of March 1998, the structure has been demolished and the ground leveled.

Recommendation

Discuss with the Board of Education the prospect of having the Department of Recreation and Parks develop outdoor recreational amenities on a temporary basis at the Vincent Elementary School Recreation Center site